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SUBJ: UN FIFTH COMMITTEE: SUMMARY OF 49TH MEETING,
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1. SUMMARY: FIFTH COMMITTEE AT 49TH MEETING, DECEMBER 14, 1976, FINISHED CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT STATUTE OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT (ITEM 96) AFTER IT ACCEPTED SUBSTITUTE FORMULATION FOR ARTICLE 20. COMMITTEE ALSO COMPLETED CONSIDERATION OF SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS (ITEM 100) WITH ADOPTION OF CONSENSUS RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY INDIA AND ALGERIA.
END SUMMARY

2. JOINT INSPECTION UNIT. BELGIUM SUBMITTED TEXT OF SUBSTITUTE FORMULATION FOR ARTICLE 20 PERTAINING TO JIU BUDGET. IRAN, UPPER VOLTA AND IVORY COAST INDICATED INTENTIONS TO SUPPORT THE AMENDED DRAFT RESOLUTION. US REITERATED THE IMPORTANCE OF UNDERSTANDING THE DRAFT STATUTE IN LIGHT OF THE STEPS WHICH WERE TAKEN TO ASSURE THE NECESSARY INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNIT. UK SUPPORTED ADOPTION OF DRAFT STATUTE BY CONSENSUS. COMMITTEE THEN ADOPTED DRAFT BY CONSENSUS. AFTER STATEMENTS BY JIU CHAIRMAN, AMBASSADOR MAJOLI (CHAIRMAN OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP) AND GHANA (SPOKESMAN FOR THE CO-SPONSORS) COMMITTEE TOOK NOTE OF THE JIU AND SYG REPORTS ON THE ITEM.

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3. ITEM 100 - SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS. PAKISTAN ANNOUNCED THAT THE GROUP OF 77, THE WEST, AND THE SOCIALIST STATES HAD REACHED A CONSENSUS AND REQUESTED THAT THE VOTING PROCEDURE BE INTERRUPTED TO PERMIT INTRODUCTION OF THE CONSENSUS RESOLUTION. ALGERIA WELCOMED THE DEVELOPMENT. INDIA INTRODUCED A/C.5/31/L.35, STATING THAT THE DEBATE AND DISCUSSION ON THE QUESTION OF SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS HAD BEEN FRUITFUL, AND AS THE DRAFT AMENDMENT TOOK INTO CONSIDERATION ALL THE ISSUES ON THE QUESTION, HE WAS HOPEFUL OF COMMITTEE ACTION BY CONSENSUS. THE COMMITTEE THEN ADOPTED L.35 AND THE DRAFT RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE BY CONSENSUS. DECISIONS ADOPT FOR ONE YEAR THE SCALE RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR THAT COMMITTEE. FRG, GHANA, IRAQ, SPAIN, JAPAN, USSR, PHILIPPINES, AND POLAND EXPLAINED VOTES AFTER THE VOTE.

4. BY CONSENSUS FIFTH COMMITTEE ADOPTED A CHANGE IN RULES TO EXPAND COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO 18 MEMBERS PER A/C.5/31/L.7/REV.2 OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2 AND, AFTER A BRIEF RECESS TO AFFORD THE CUBAN DELEGATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO READ IT, THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE ON THE SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS.

5. IN PLENARY SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING FIFTH COMMITTEE MEETING, NEPALESE DRAFT (A/C.5/31/L.7/REV.2) WAS ACCEPTED 122 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, WITH 4 ABSTENTIONS; CUBAN DRAFT (A/C.5/31/L.8) WAS DEFEATED 29 IN FAVOR, 29 OPPOSED, WITH 66 ABSTENTIONS; AND COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS RESOLUTION AS AMENDED BY L.35 WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. SCRANTON

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